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FEBRUARY AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY PRODUCTION LISTED;
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FEBRUARY PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY -- Trybuna Ludu, No 71, 13 Mar 49

Production of factories under the Association of Agricultural and Milling Machines for February was as follows (in units):

Common type moldboard and tractor plows	3,875
Common type spring tooth, spike-tooth, and tractor harrows	11,076
Cultivators - common type and tractor	2,240
Sowing machines	200
Insecticide dusters	1,233
Horse-drawn rakes	400
Capstans	545
Threshing machines	550
Winnowers	652
Chaff cutters	315
Potato diggers	302
Dung-water vats	130
Weeders	150
Hot houses	1,100
Farm wagons	587
Sprayers	474

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Additional production includes an adequate number of choppers, presses, grinding machines, fertilizer sowers, harvesters, and corn-husking machines. The total amount of agricultural and milling machines produced was 25,118.

The sawmills of the Central Administration of the Wood Industry produced 14,000 cubic meters of sawed lumber, completing the plan 108 percent.

Other state enterprises of the industry produced more than 155,000 boxes, completing the plan 141 percent; 66,500 pieces of bentwood furniture (102 percent of plan), and more than 13,000 barrels. Production of plywood and panels amounted to about 1,500 cubic meters.

The electrotechnical industry exceeded the plan 106 percent with a production of 1,965,000 assorted light bulbs as compared with 1,143,000 in February 1948.

TRACTORS FROM AUSTRIA -- Trybuna Ludu, No 78, 20 Mar 49

Of the 400 Steyer tractors purchased in Austria by "Motozbyt," 200 have already been received. Two hundred more will be delivered in small numbers to Warsaw, Gdansk, and Oswiecim.

OVER 4 BILLION ZLOTYS FOR MELIORATIVE WORK IN 1949 -- Trybuna Ludu, No 78, 20 Mar 49

The national melioration plan for 1949 estimates that 4,100,000,000 zlotys will be allotted for water melioration. A large portion of this sum is allotted for drainage of the Gdansk lowlands. To implement this work, permanent sea-walls will be built as protection against sea storms and to prevent inundation of the Zulawy Gdanskie. The drainage of the Szczecin and Olsztyn lowlands will also be started during 1949. Preparatory work will be undertaken for melioration of areas at the Warew River basin, Bialystok Wojewodstwo, which will be assigned for breeding centers. In conjunction with the nation's new thrift program, new methods for water melioration will be put into use to reduce the costs.

PROGRAM H MEETS WITH SUCCESS -- Rzeczpospolita, No 75, 17 Mar 49

According to the commissioner in charge of Program H, 316,621 hogs have been contracted for from 18 February -- the inception of the program -- to 13 March. This is an over-all figure covering the country.

Crakow Wojewodstwo is in first place, with contracts for 40,813 hogs.

The first deliveries of contracted hogs are expected in May.

With the increasing number of contracts, the demand for young pigs and feed also increases. The question of greater efficiency in the operation of contracting machinery also arises.

All these problems were thoroughly discussed at the meetings of wojewodstwo instructors and commissioners of Program H, held in Warsaw on 13-14 March.

FRUIT TREES TO BE INCREASED -- Rzeczpospolita, No 78, 20 Mar 49

At present, the PGR (Panstwowe Gospodarstwa Rolne, State Farms) possess over 400,000 fruit trees. It is planned that the number of fruit trees will be raised to 2,300,000, and for this purpose, the number of nurseries will be increased. It is expected that PGR nurseries will produce during 1949 approximately 250,000 fruit trees and 3 million crab trees.

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EXPORT OF SUGAR-BEET SEEDS -- Rzeczpospolita, No 75, 17 Mar 49

The speedy development of the state seed farms of commercial sugar-beet seeds resulted in a greatly increased production of several varieties of seeds in demand in the foreign markets.

In the 1948-1949 season about 3,000 tons of selected sugar-beet seeds were designated for export. Despite great competition, our seeds captured not only the markets of southeastern Europe but also those of Western Europe and even Canada and Australia. The production level of the different varieties of sugar-beet seeds produced in Poland will permit an annual export of 2,500-3,500 tons of seeds.

The value of the proposed export is 700 million zlotys, 200 million of which is the PGR share.

Another important item of export greatly in demand abroad is a variety of Polish-cultivated beet to be used as feed, of which 30 tons have already been exported.

ONION SURPLUS EXISTS -- Zycie Warszawy, No 73, 15 Mar 49

Onions are the biggest item in vegetable exports. It is estimated that about 14,000 tons will be exported to Britain, Germany and Israel. The domestic market is oversupplied, and wholesale prices have dropped to 8 zlotys per kilogram. The export of dried onions is a possibility; however, about eight dehydrating plants are needed to handle the surplus. At present, Poland has only one dehydrating plant.

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